

**UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
WESTERN DISTRICT OF NEW YORK**

SHENEA JAMES as administrator of the estate of
DEDRICK JAMES, deceased, and SHENEA JAMES,
individually,

Plaintiff,

-against-

THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA, DEPUTY
UNITED STATES MARSHAL CARLTON SMITH, CITY
OF ROCHESTER, RPD OFFICER WILLIAM BAKER,
RPD INVESTIGATOR RICHARD ARROWOOD, “JOHN
DOE RPD OFFICERS 1-10” (names and number of whom
are unknown at present), MONROE COUNTY SHERIFF
TODD BAXTER, MSCO SERGEANT CHRISTIAN
DEVINNEY, “RICHARD ROE SHERIFF’S DEPUTIES 1-
10” (names and number of whom are unknown at present),
NYSP INVESTIGATOR JEFFREY ULATOWSKI, and
other unidentified members of the Rochester Police
Department, Monroe County Sheriff’s Office, and New York
State Police,

Defendants.

**DECLARATION OF
ELLIOT D. SHIELDS**

23-cv-6057 (DLG)

ELLIOT D. SHIELDS, hereby declares under penalty of perjury and pursuant to 28 U.S.C.

§ 1746 that the following is true and correct:

1. I am associated with Roth & Roth, LLP, where I represent plaintiffs in personal injury and civil rights lawsuits.
2. We are counsel for the Plaintiff and as such I am fully familiar with the facts and circumstances of this action.
3. I give this declaration in opposition to the partial motion to dismiss and substitute, ECF 7, filed by Defendants United States of America (the “USA”), Deputy U.S. Marshal Carlton Smith (“Smith”), RPD Officer William Baker (“Baker”), Monroe County Sheriff’s Deputy Christian Devinney (“Devinney”), and NYSP Investigator Jeffrey Ulatowski (“Ulatowski”).

4. Attached hereto as Exhibit “A” is a true and correct copy of the Supporting Deposition dated September 22, 2021, signed by defendant Monroe County Sheriff’s Deputy Christian DeVinney, in which he stated that “on 9/15/21, I was acting in my official capacity as a Deputy Sheriff ... when I was notified that our warrant unit was going to make an attempt to locate and arrest Dedrick James at 6 Vinewood Place in the City of Rochester.” This deposition was also filed by the County with their motion that as filed in state court. See ECF 1-2.

CONCLUSION

5. For all of the reasons in the memorandum of law, plaintiff respectfully submits that defendants’ motion must be denied in its entirety, other than the dismissal of the *Bivens* claims (the First and Second Claims for Relief) and the request to substitute the U.S.A. as defendant in place of Deputy U.S. Marshall Smith.

Dated: New York, New York
March 10, 2023

Respectfully Submitted,
ROTH & ROTH LLP

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